

Torrance, California  
December 11, 1951

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, Decem-

ber 11, 1951, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Haggard presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount  
Also present were City Attorney Hall and City Manager Stevens.

All persons present participated in the salute to our Flag.

As first order of business, Councilman Karlow moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 27th and of the Adjourned Regular Meeting of December 4th be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

The Mayor announced the time had arrived for the opening of bids. The first group opened by the City Clerk were insurance and bond bids.

	<u>Tor. Gen'l</u>	<u>Lund Co.</u>	<u>Farmers</u>	
I. FOR COMPREHENSIVE BODILY INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE LIABILITY, INCLUDING AUTOMOBILES:				
1. 1st year General Liability-Flat Charge	7,140.00	5,316.00	2,849.87	
2. 1st year, owned autos only,per schedule	<u>5,504.72</u>	<u>3,714.00</u>	<u>4,525.34</u>	
3. Total 1st year Deposit Premium - - - -	12,644.72	9,030.00	7,375.21	
4. 2nd year General Liability-Flat Charge	7,140.00	5,316.00	--	
5. 3rd year General Liability-Flat Charge	7,140.00	5,316.00	--	
II. FIRE, THEFT & COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE ON CITY VEHICLES:				
Total One year Premium,per vehicle schedule	451.68	950.00	1,122.11	
III. BODILY INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE LIABILITY INSURANCE - TORRANCE MUNICIPAL BUS LINES:				
For complete coverage as outlined in Specifications: Per Bus Mile - - - - -				
		0.0085	0.0172	
	<u>W.E. Bowen</u>	<u>Tor. Gen'l</u>	<u>Lund Co.</u>	<u>Fidelity</u>
IV. FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE AND FIDELITY BOND COVERAGE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES:				
1. Position Schedule Faithful Performance Bond(3 yr prem) per schedule	812.50	877.50	812.50	813.00
2. Public Employees Faithful Performance Bond(Blanket Bond)(3 yr prem)	900.23	1294.12	939.99	1314.92
3. Public Employees Honesty Blanket Bond (3 yr prem)	440.78	582.25	542.36	357.17
V. BODILY INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE LIABILITY-TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT:				
1. Premises - Operations	--	155.60	157.40	--
2. Contractual	--	--	--	--
3. Structural Alterations	--	--	--	--
4. Products	--	--	--	--

Councilman Karlow moved all bids be referred to the City Manager for study and that bids be awarded to the lowest responsible bidders. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale asked if each of the five groups were to be considered separately and Councilman Karlow replied that he thought that would be proper as some bidders did not bid on all groups.

The second group of bids opened by the City Clerk covered tires and tubes.

SIZE	TIRES No. & Ply	FIRESTONE	RAGSDALE & NEWELL	HARVEL'S	SEARS & ROEBUCK
		Brand Name Firestone	Brand Name U.S. Royal	Brand Name Silvertown	Brand Name Allstate
		Unit Price	Unit Price	Unit Price	Unit Price
6:70 x 15	42 - 4	22.05	16.39	15.02	16.10
6:00 x 16	20 - 4	20.10	14.99	13.68	14.40
6:50 x 20	7 - 8	51.60	38.91	34.81	29.76
7:50 x 20	18 - 8	70.90	53.25	47.84	40.76
8:25 x 15	1 - 12	130.10	106.01	87.78	82.00
8:25 x 20	1 - 10	100.40	75.33	67.75	60.00
9:00 x 20	1 - 12	145.45	108.55	98.14	86.93
<u>TUBES</u>					
6:70 x 15	16	3.50	2.52	2.23	2.38
6:00 x 16	4	3.15	2.24	2.01	2.07
6:50 x 20	4	5.30	3.72	3.13	2.60
7:50 x 20	16	7.70	5.42	4.55	4.34
8:25 x 15	1	8.55	5.90	5.05	2.60
8:25 x 20	1	9.05	6.36	5.34	5.06
9:00 x 20	1	10.50	7.47	6.20	5.83

#### DISCOUNTS:

Retreading	40%		
Passenger Car Tires	31.26%	10 & 5%	30%
Commercial Tires	10-10-10-5%	10 & 5%	40%

Councilman Drale, stating the Sears & Roebuck man was not local, and it appearing that Harvel Gutfenfelder was low bidder, moved the contract be awarded Harvel's. Councilman Karlow stated that inasmuch as various discounts had to be considered, he was not sure who was the low bidder. Councilman Drale withdrew his motion. Councilman Spelman moved all bids be referred to the City Manager for his recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried.

The Mayor announced the time had arrived for the public hearing on the vacation of certain streets and alleys in Tract No. 15757. The City Manager reviewed the matter and reported he had received no written communications regarding the vacation. The City Clerk also reported no communications received. Oral comment was called for. There being none, the hearing was declared closed on motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Spelman and unanimously carried.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Letter from Associated Oil Company reporting no franchise earnings during the fiscal year ending December 2, 1951, under County Franchise Ordinance. Matter of record.

Letter from the Recreation Commission urging Council action on the 15-year plan previously submitted by the Commission. With the concurrence of the Council, Mayor Haggard asked that this matter be placed on the agenda for December 19th for discussion and decision.

Request from R. A. Mills for license to operate a drive-in hamburger stand at the corner of Border and Carson. After a brief discussion, Councilman Drale moved the permit be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from Torrance Council, P.T.A., transmitting copy of a letter sent to Dr. Hull by the County Superintendent of Schools relative to crossing guards at 182nd and 186th and urging consideration

of the matter. Discussion followed at great length, resulting in a motion by Councilman Karlow that the matter be referred back to Dr. Hull urging that he make an appeal to the County on the basis of "fair reciprocity". Following further discussion, Councilman Karlow amended his motion to include "an appeal by the Traffic Commission and any other officials of the City on the same basis". Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick relative to Hollywood Riviera drainage and recommending certain measures. Several residents of the area were in the audience and copies of Mr. Patrick's letter were furnished them. In order that they might present the recommendations to their neighbors, the Mayor invited them to attend the next meeting of the Council to present their recommendation to the Council. Councilman Spelman suggested that the City Manager make his recommendation in the matter known to the residents of the area.

Report from Mr. Joseph, City Engineer, dated September 25, 1951, relative to storm drainage in the Hollywood Riviera section of the City. Report received as a matter of record.

At 9:07, a short recess was declared. Meeting reconvened at 9:15.

Letter from Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation expressing its thanks and appreciation to the City and its Recreation Commission for its participation in the Southern California Municipal Baseball Championships last August. Matter of record. Councilman Karlow asked that a copy of the letter be sent to the Recreation Commission for its files.

Letter from Mr. Patrick submitting Tract Map 17041 for approval, and advising the map was approved by the Planning Commission on December 5th subject to the construction of a service road along Hawthorne Boulevard. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation of Mr. Patrick and the Planning Commission, subject to the conditions set forth in the City Ordinance and the posting of the necessary improvement bond. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Letter from Mr. Patrick submitting Tract Map 17371 for approval, and advising the map was approved by the Planning Commission on December 5th. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation of Mr. Patrick and the Planning Commission. After some discussion, motion was seconded by Councilman Karlow and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Letter from Mr. Patrick submitting Tract Map 17444 for approval, and advising the map was approved by the Planning Commission on December 5th. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation of Mr. Patrick and the Planning Commission, subject to the requirements of the City Ordinance and the posting of the necessary improvement bond. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Letter from Fire Chief Benner advising he had been informed the southwest corner of Carson St. and Crenshaw Blvd. could be purchased for \$30,000, and recommended the City purchase the site. City Manager Stevens informed the Council this site had been recommended by the Board of Fire Underwriters and that \$15,000 had been set up in this year's budget for purchasing a new site for the Central Fire Station. Councilman Karlow moved the communication be referred to the next agenda meeting for study with regard to the location and possible method of financing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending acceptance of a certain portion of land from Everett Powell for street purposes. Discussion followed as to how much of the street was to be improved at the present time, when the improvement was to be completed, who would pay the cost of improvement, etc. Councilman Spelman moved the matter be referred to the City Attorney and that he work out the details with Mr. Powell before acceptance by the City. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending approval of:

CASE NO. 226: Petition of William T. Faulkner for a Variance and Conditional Permit to establish and operate a Storage Yard for Building Contractors on the south one-half of Lot 25, Meadow Park Tract, situated east of Hawthorne Avenue approximately half-way between 230th Street and Sepulveda Blvd. After very brief discussion, Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

REQUEST OF JOHN TO MOORE to convert a rumpus room (area 450 square feet) into an apartment. This property is located in an R-2 Zone at 720 Acacia Ave. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

1. That H.R. Burgess, having successfully passed the civil service examination for Power Equipment Operator II, be appointed to serve his probationary period effective December 1, 1951, at the compensation set forth as the 4th step for the classification.
2. That Thomas Mann, having successfully passed the civil service examination, be appointed to serve his probationary period as Park Maintenance Leadman, effective December 1, 1951, at the compensation set forth as the 5th step for the classification.
3. That Angus E. McVicar, having successfully passed the civil service examination, be appointed to serve his probationary period as Water Superintendent effective December 1, 1951, at the compensation set forth as the 3rd step for the position.
4. That William R. Lee, having successfully passed the civil service examination, be appointed to serve his probationary period as Janitor, effective December 1, 1951, at the compensation set forth as the 1st step for the position.
5. That an Acting City Engineer be appointed.

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur with the recommendations, items 1 through 4, inclusive, and that, under item 5, City Manager George W. Stevens be appointed as Acting City Engineer. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To the Chamber of Commerce for promotion, publicity and advertising activities during the quarter July through September, 1951, the sum of \$1250.00 (a budget item).
2. To Barclay Surveying Company for engineering services during November, 1951, the sum of \$315.00.
3. That expenditures in the amount of \$4610.06 by Municipal Improvement District No. 1, approved by the Water Board at its meeting of November 7, 1951, be concurred with by the City Council.
4. That expenditures in the amount of \$1574.50 by Municipal Improvement District No. 1, approved by the Water Board at its meeting of December 4, 1951, be concurred with by the City Council.

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Letter from City Clerk Bartlett recommending the position of

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City Treasurer, about to be vacated, be filled by an accountant; and recommending the creation of a Jr. Accountant's position, on a part-time basis, to be filled by the City Treasurer, at a salary of \$150. He followed this by reading a letter from I.J. Hallanger applying for the position of City Treasurer. The reading of these communications was followed, immediately, by the reading in its entirety of

RESOLUTION NO. 2232

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOR-  
RANCE DECLARING THE OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER VACANT.

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2232. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present. City Attorney Hall stated he had notified Mrs. Fordice's guardian of the Council's intention to declare the position vacant in the event she wished to appear and make any protest or ask any questions.

Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendations of Mr. Bartlett relative to the position of City Treasurer; and that Mr. Hallanger be appointed City Treasurer until the next municipal election. City Attorney Hall stated that all the action that the Council could take at this time was to appoint a City Treasurer. Motion was withdrawn and Councilman Drale moved Mr. Hallanger be appointed City Treasurer until the next municipal election. There being no second, motion was declared lost.

Councilman Karlow moved that Mrs. Harriett Leech, of 1414 Cravens Avenue, be appointed to the office of City Treasurer, effective December 12, 1951, to serve until the next election in April 1952. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Clerk Bartlett read title to

RESOLUTION NO. 2233

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOR-  
RANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY  
CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN QUITCLAIM DEED TO  
ROME CABLE CORPORATION.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2233. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Drale advised the Council of his discussion with the officers of Property Management Corporation relative to the paving of 174th St, which the Council required at the time of accepting the final Tract map. Discussion followed between members of the Council, City Manager Stevens and a representative of the corporation. It being the consensus of opinion that curbs, gutters and sidewalks should be a requisite, as established by ordinance, Councilman Drale moved the subdivider, Property Management Corporation, be notified that they are to put in curbs, gutters and sidewalks immediately and, on completion of such improvement, will be released from any obligation to pave 174th Street. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

There being no further oral communications, Councilman Spelman moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

At 10:15 P.M., on motion of Councilman Karlow, seconded by Councilman Spelman, meeting adjourned.

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A. H. Bartlett  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

Bob L. Haggard  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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